



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## News for the Week of October 28, 2024...

### Middle School Dance

The first dance of the year will be Friday, November 8. Details will be shared soon.

### Thank You, Office Runners!

Our office is a very busy place, but it runs much more smoothly with the help of our student volunteers. We'd like to thank our 1st quarter office runners for their time and willingness to help.

Oliver Chadwick, Cory Hade, Avery Manny, Janee Blake, Beau Graham, Drake Patterson, Casen Nelsen, Tatum Ritchie, Cora Schulte, Hayden Bates, Laikyn Brewer, Joie Gorder, Ryer Manny, Nash Lindeberg, McCartney Walljasper, Kay Pester, Allie Powers, Julia McGraw, Will Rogers, Harrison Theisen, Kylie Johnston, Madi Sloan, Riley Pinamonte, and Lea Chadwick

THANK YOU!

### Conference Reminder

Parents/guardians who signed up for conferences, please remember to sign-in or arrive to your appointment(s) on time. Each conference is only 10-minutes long. Out of fairness to all, teachers are not able to extend the 10-minute window if you arrive late.

If you are meeting in-person, please enter through the main entrance doors (by the flagpole).

Please click below to view the fall conference sheet. You'll find links at the bottom of the page that give you directions on how to *attend* conferences.

Links to help you attend video conferences: [help](#)

\*As mentioned in previous messages, the deadline to sign up was last Friday.\*

## **Dates to Remember:**

**October 29-31 – Conferences (Sign-Up Deadline was Friday)**

November 1 – No School

November 28, 29 – No School (Thanksgiving Break)

December 20 – 2:20 Dismissal at IMS

December 23-January 1 – No School (Winter Break)

January 20 – No School

February 18-20 – Conferences

February 21 – No School

March 17-21 – No School (Spring Break)

April 7 – No School

May 26 – No School (Memorial Day)

May 30 – 2:20 Dismissal at IMS (Last day of school)

**No School Friday**

**No Zone on Thursday**

**PICTURE DAY for MS Boys Wrestling will be after school on Wednesday, October 30th.**

As a reminder, Wednesday is a scheduled early-out. All Boys Wrestling Athletes will need to stay after school, regardless if they are signed up for study tables, FCA, etc. They will meet in the Cafeteria. After pictures, athletes will go to practice and end at their regular scheduled time.

As a quick note, there will **not** be picture forms that you need to fill out before October 30th. All pictures will be displayed in a gallery at a later date. Once our photographer has uploaded and displayed the photos, we will send out instructions and a link for you to purchase pictures of your athlete.

Please keep an eye out for any other instructions the coaches share with you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

**PICTURE DAY for MS Girls Basketball will be after school on Wednesday, October 30th.**

As a reminder, Wednesday is a scheduled early-out. All Girls Basketball Athletes will need to stay after school, regardless if they are signed up for study tables, FCA, etc. They will meet in the Fieldhouse. After pictures, athletes will go to practice and end at their regular scheduled time.

As a quick note, there will **not** be picture forms that you need to fill out before October 30th. All pictures will be displayed in a gallery at a later date. Once our photographer has uploaded and displayed the photos, we will send out instructions and a link for you to purchase pictures of your athlete.

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Opportunity

7th Graders, you are invited to an informational meeting for a new group that meets over lunch called Rise and Thrive. Rise and Thrive is the new name for Stomp Out Stigma. This is a student-led group that works on projects to help our school. To learn more, please grab your lunch, and then join Rise and Thrive today in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade art room

## Do You Play Piano?

Are you are interested in being in an awesome Jazz Band? If so, come see or send Mrs. Kinman an email today!

[Beth.kinman@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:Beth.kinman@indianola.k12.ia.us)

## School Info...

## Veterans Day Assembly

The Veterans Day Assembly will be held at 9:30 am on Friday, November 8, in the IMS Blake Fieldhouse. Printed copies of the [invitation](#) are available in the Communication Center outside the office. Students are encouraged to take one to give to each veteran in their lives so that we can honor their service. If a veteran invited by a student attends the assembly, then that student will be excused from class at 9:10 to meet that veteran and any guests in the Chris Street Gym. Students just need to let their teacher know that they're leaving class to join their veteran at the assembly.

## From the Library

Your October reading challenge is to individually, or with a partner, read a book from the Horror section OR a book with the word *spider* or *baf* in the title OR a book with an orange cover. See Mrs. Hunget or Mrs. Richardson for more information.

## IMS Doors Open at 7:30 A.M. Plan Accordingly

Parents/Guardians/Students: Just a reminder that IMS doors **do not open until 7:30 each morning**. Students should dress appropriately for the weather if they arrive at school before that time; jackets, long pants, umbrellas, etc. If you have to drop your child off early, or if your child walks to school, please keep in mind that bus transportation is available. Contact Transportation at 515.961.9500 x1620 for more information.

**Parents, please make sure your student brings earbuds/headphones to school.**

## **Yearbooks**

Time to order yearbooks through [Jostens](#).  
The price is \$25 right now.

## **Parent Schoology Access \*Please Read\***

We understand that navigating Schoology can be new for some families, and we want to ensure you are comfortable using the platform to support your student's learning. To assist with this, we have created three helpful guides:

1. **How to Sign in to Schoology**

This walks you through the steps of signing into Schoology, so you can stay updated on your child's academic progress, assignments, and announcements.

2. **How to Check for Mastery in Schoology**

Learn how to view your child's mastery progress for individual learning standards in their courses. This feature allows you to track how well your child is performing on key concepts and skills.

3. **Proficiency Scale Explanation**

This video walks through an explanation of the levels of proficiency we are using when reporting student progress. It also provides an explanation of how the proficiencies do not align to the traditional A-B-C-D-F.

**Watch the videos here:**

[How to Sign in to Schoology Link](#)

[How to View for Mastery in Schoology](#)

[Proficiency Scale Explanation](#)

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## **Standards-Based Reporting**

A letter was emailed to parents a couple weeks ago with helpful information about our shift to the Standards-Based Reporting (SBR) grading system.

Here is the link to the Parent's Guide:

[K-8 Standards-Based Learning, Scoring and Reporting](#)

## Lost ID's

School ID's: Students, if you lose your school ID, you may request one replacement per year. First, though, you should check your email; one of the secretaries will send you a message if it has been turned into the office. If you don't receive an email within a day or two of losing it, come to the office to request your one replacement.

Bus ID's: If you lose your Bus ID, check with your bus driver first. Then, check your email or the office. If you don't find it within a day or two, tell your bus driver so that they can request a new one. We do not make Bus ID's in the main office; those come from the Transportation department.

## [Indianola Schools District Website](#)

You can find information on just about everything school related on the district website, including each school's home page, school year calendars, athletic information, food service details, etc. Click on the title, and take some time to familiarize yourself with this site.

### Office Information

Phone Numbers: 515.961.9530 Main Office 515.961.9535 Fax

Attendance Line: 515.961.9530 x3162

Principal: Mrs. Kristy Ellis

Asst. Principal: Mr. Mike O'Meara

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Cochran (x3116)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss (x3106)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: Mrs. Haley Finn (x3151)

Office Hours: 7:00am – 4:00 (3:30 on Fridays)

Please refer to the IMS [Student Handbook](#) for all procedures, policies, and guidelines.

### Food Service

For information regarding menus, free/reduced lunches/online payments/account information, please click: [Food Service](#)

## Requesting a Bus Pass

If your child needs to ride the bus home with a friend, the Transportation department must receive a parent request **3 business days before the day of the trip** to allow proper planning. Passes normally will be approved as long as there is room on the bus and the request is submitted on time. To contact the Transportation department, please call 515.961.9592 or email [wendy.gehringer@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:wendy.gehringer@indianola.k12.ia.us).

### Quick Links:

[District Website](#)

[Information Technology Link](#)

[IMS Link](#)

[Food Service Link](#)

[Transportation Link](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

## School Activities...

### **We Want our Students to be Involved!**

There are many ways for students to get involved at school. Just a few of the groups and clubs offered are Mock Trial, DAA, Yearbook Staff, Art Club, MathCounts, and many more!

Here is a link to the [IMS Activities Page](#).

### **From the Activities Office**

Emails were sent out last Monday (October 7) to parents who had signed their children up for the sports below. If you have questions or still need to sign up, contact [Ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:Ben.lange@indianola.k12.ia.us).

7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball: Practice starts Monday, October 21. The parent meeting will be held that evening at 5:00 p.m. in room 303 by the field house.

8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball: Practice starts on Thursday, October 17. The parent meeting will be held that evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Blake Fieldhouse.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Wrestling: Practice starts on Monday, October 28. The parent meeting will be held that evening at 5:30 p.m. in the MS Cafeteria.**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Boys Wrestling: Practice starts on Monday, October 21. The parent meeting will be held that evening at 5:30 p.m. in the MS Cafeteria.

### **Check Out the District Event Calendar**

Below is a link to the district's event calendar. You'll find dates, times, and locations for sports, music, and various other events in which our students are participating on this site.

[Events Calendar](#)

## Miscellaneous...

### **Associates Needed at IMS**

Do you want to earn extra cash? Do you want to be off in the summers? Do you want to make a difference in children's lives? Do you want to work with a fun, supportive team? If so, become a Special Education Associate at Indianola Middle School! We have openings for the upcoming 23-24 school year, and we'd love to have you join us. Click [Apply](#) for more information.



All IMS students are invited to attend The Zone. The fun, provided by Indianola Parks and Rec, takes place most Mondays and Thursdays after school starting in the cafeteria.

Games, contests, healthy snacks, and much more await you this school year!

See the flyer in the [Digital Backpack](#) for sign-up information.

### **Washington D.C. Trip** **June 11-15, 2025**

It's not too late to sign up for next summer's D.C. trip! It's open to current 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Please click the [link](#) for details.

This is not a school sponsored event.

### **Parent Facebook Groups**

Want to know all of the school and community activities for your child's class? Join their Indianola Parent FB group! These pages are designed to be an inclusive catchall for activities, clubs, events, success stories, and opportunities to support IMS.

Class of 2029 (8<sup>th</sup> grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/o9XPd9oGBR3SPdQi/>

Class of 2030 (7<sup>th</sup> grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/bCUYkjKtrKmbeTm5/>

Class of 2031 (6<sup>th</sup> grade)- <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/UVdwBvM9YCEoHk3L/>

## IHS POST PROM FUNDRAISER

The Post Prom Committee is selling Indianola earrings and metal signs!

All orders are due by November 30, 2024.

Submit order and payment via Venmo, noting item #(s) and color (if applicable).

Venmo: IHS Post Prom @IHSClassof26

If you prefer to order and pay via cash or check, contact Lori Meyer ([lori5\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:lori5_99@yahoo.com)) or Anita Meacham ([dna1023@gmail.com](mailto:dna1023@gmail.com)).



## IHS POST PROM FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Order Deadline: November 30, 2024

#1



Dreamcatcher Leather  
Earrings (\$15)

#2



Purple & Gold Shimmer  
Leather Earrings (\$15)

#3



White w/Purple & Gold  
"I" Leather Earrings (\$15)

#4



Metal Yard Sign  
(purple or gold option)  
(\$40)

#5



Metal Yard Sign  
(purple or gold option)  
(\$40)

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<<< Submit order & payment via Venmo [noting Item #(s) and color (if applicable)].

Prefer to order & pay via cash or check, contact:

Lori Meyer ([lori5\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:lori5_99@yahoo.com)) or

Anita Meacham ([dna1023@gmail.com](mailto:dna1023@gmail.com))